

PERJURY COUNT ON DA DROPPED

T. P. 9-4-69
Andrews' Charge Thrown
Out by Zibilich

An attempt by attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr. to charge District Attorney Jim Garrison with perjury in Criminal District Court came to an end when a substitute DA dismissed Andrews' affidavit against Garrison.

Attorney Robert J. Zibilich, appointed to act as district attorney for this case only, dismissed the affidavit Friday.

Garrison's office agreed to recuse itself after Andrews filed his charges before Judge Thomas M. Brahney Jr. on June 2. The judge named Zibilich as DA for the proceedings.

Garrison was accused in the affidavit of committing perjury while testifying in a trial of Andrews in August, 1967.

Andrews was charged with perjury in connection with testimony before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury concerning Garrison's probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The attorney was convicted of three counts and sentenced to three 18-month concurrent terms in Parish Prison.

Andrews had claimed that a man known to him as Clay Bertrand telephoned him shortly after Kennedy's death and asked him to represent Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin.

Garrison claimed that retired businessman Clay L. Shaw and Bertrand were the same person. Shaw was indicted on a charge of conspiring to murder Kennedy.

During Shaw's trial this year Andrews testified that his statements about Bertrand were an invention. Shaw was acquitted of the conspiracy charge on March 1.

Zibilich gave no reason for dismissing Andrews' affidavit, and is not required to. Zibilich's office reported Monday that the attorney was out of town for a month.

Andrews remains free on bond while his perjury convictions are appealed.